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DEFENCE PRODUCTION BY PRIVATE COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government moved to allow private producing companies to produce defence equipments;

(b) whether the Government now favours a synergy between the private and public sector in production of defence equipments;

(c) if so, whether the private companies would be allowed in areas untouched by the 39 ordnance factories in the country; and

(d) if so, the details of the areas that would be offered to the private sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): As far as the current policy is concerned, private sector can manufacture any type of defence equipment subject to compulsory licensing. Government would however prefer optimum utilization of resources available both in public and private sectors, as far as possible.